No Heroes

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I watch my babies sleeping, and they are barely two They look out on a universe that's magical and new I sit here and imagine, in this smug, heroic nation What my children will look like next year As they die of radiation

We all move our missiles closer to our enemies, until We are forced to use computers to decide just when to kill But computers have no judgement, or no love or hope or fear So mistakes are that much easier And nightmares cluster near

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I do not sing of spirits, so you're probably not scared You couldn't do a thing about it, even if you cared You are helpless pawns of masters, or you're blind and deaf and dumb And you're also not responsible

For what surely has to come

Some are dying of diseases, so we're proud that we're not ill If we cannot push the button, it's not our fault bombs can kill

Though we never reach to help, we didn't make the stumbler fall

When our children feel the atom's kiss We'll share no blame at all

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